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1. During the period 15 June to 19 July 1947, no troops - with the exception of some small administrative staffs - were observed in Arnstadt, Erfurt, Gotha, Langensalza and Eisenach, or in the area south and west of Weimar. There was, however, considerable traffic throughout the region.
2. Two Soviet armored divisions were at the Ohdruf training grounds, where there was an officers school for platoon and company leaders attended by 400 officers.
3. Barracks were demolished or dismantled at Meiningen and Eisenach and it is believed that at least one section of barracks in Erfurt will be turned over for public sale. Several units arrived in Meiningen on 20 June; these were reported to be the advance parties of armored troops.
4. Between 15 and 21 June, forty-two new T-34 tanks arrived by rail in Saalfeld, raising total tank strength in that town to 120.
5. The upper Saale area has been used by Russian engineer units for training. This included the laying of mine fields, erection of road blocks, and construction of rafts for river crossings.

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